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Port Almanac—Dec. 16.

Sun Rises	7.04 A M
Sun Sets	4.48 P M
Day's Length	9 h 44 m
High Water at Southport	12.08 P M
High Water at Wilmington	1.48 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 15.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 40°; 8 p. m., 46°; maximum, 54°; minimum, 39°; mean, 46°.

Rainfall for the day, 00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2.70.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The storm has moved northeast to New England and has been succeeded by a high barometer area, central over Southern Georgia. The Western storm has moved from Kansas to Minnesota during the day, causing high winds and light snow over the Central West during the day. The high barometer area and cold wave have moved south over the Rockies, causing a rapid fall of from 20 to 30 degrees in temperature over Nebraska and Kansas. Fair weather prevails to-night over the greater portion of the country.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Thursday: Fair, warmer weather; variable winds, mostly southerly.

Stage of water at Fayetteville at 8 a. m., 8 feet.

OUTLINES.

General Sinquilly denies that he has offered his services to the Spanish government. —— The dry goods market shows no improvement; a feature is the reduction of four-quarter bleached cottons to 5¾ cents per yard. —— Theodore Durant has been sentenced to be hanged January 7th for the murder of Blanche Lamont. —— In the Senate yesterday the bill prohibiting pelagic sealing by Americans passed; an appropriation of $350 000 for the relief of American miners and other sufferers in the Yukon river country was referred to committee. —— The House spent the day in consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill; DeArmond, of Missouri, made an impassioned speech in support of the recognition of Cuban belligerency. —— Spanish generals protest that President McKinley's message is insulting to the Spanish army; a manifesto is said to be in course of preparation. —— Public interest in the Luetgert trial at Chicago has fallen off greatly. —— President McKinley, members of the Cabinet and others who went to Canton, Ohio, returned yesterday to Washington. —— Three men killed and two women fatally injured in a row at a party Tuesday night in Twiggs county, Georgia. —— Mr. W. J. Bryan addressed the Mexican Chamber of Deputies, calling attention to the fact that Mexico as well as the United States was interested in the defence of the Monroe doctrine. ——The Bankers' Convention at Atlanta adopted resolutions suggesting reformation in banking and currency laws; Col. Julian S. Carr made an address. —— New York markets: Money on call was firmer at 2@4 per cent., last loan at 2½ and closed offered at 3@3½ per cent.; cotton quiet; middling 5⅞c; flour —very quiet at steadier prices; wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red 98½c f. o. b afloat; corn—spot firm; No. 2 84½c f. o. b. afloat; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm at 33@33½c.

The Shah of Persia has fifty pet cats, and each one has a special keeper. A man with such a catomania as that needs a keeper himself.

The New Haven, Conn., boys show their civilization or training by running after and yelling at that Japanese girl who is studying English at Yale College, because she wears the dress of her own country on the streets.

Some surprise is expressed that there should be 200 homicides in a year in South Carolina. Perhaps if the relation between homicides and the brand of dispensary liquor sold in that State were investigated it would be understood.

It is said that 94 parts of copper to six parts of antimony resembles gold so much that an expert couldn't tell the difference. Perhaps this is the stuff that Chicago gold maker is working off on the natives. It can be made for 25 cents a pound.

The spots on the sun are now visible through smoked glass. Prof. Brooks, of Smith Observatory, at Geneva, N. Y., who has been observing the spots, says they cover an area of 500,000 miles in length, and are raising quite a disturbance on old Sol.

Having secured a foothold in China the Germans are proceeding to business. They are already collecting customs at Kiao Chou and are organizing companies to work the coal beds some distance from that town, to which they propose to build a railroad.

Tailor Breslau, of Germany, is in a fair way of receiving some mark of distinguished consideration from Kaiser William. His wife recently presented him with a quintet of boys at one birth, four of whom are living, and doing as well as could be expected.

Two Roumanian editors fought a duel the other day, and were in such dead earnest that one skewered the other and killed him. These editors should have gone to France and taken some lessons in the art of healing wounded honor without fatal puncturing.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

The STAR will be delivered by carrier at any point in the city at 12 cents per week, or 45 cents per month.

The perils of life are so great in some parts of Chicago after night that the citizens are talking of organizing a vigilance society to protect themselves from the gentlemen who hold up and relieve of valuables such pedestrians as they may happen to run up against. Chicago is a gay town and increases in gaiety with its years. It can give New York three points in the game of pure cussedness and skunk her.

Since the Department of Agriculture has issued that bulletin on mushrooms, there will be no decent excuse for any one giving the coroner a job by eating base imitations. All he has to do is when he grabs a mushroom is to pull out his bulletin and see if the mushroom tallies with the specifications. If it doesn't, proceed to let it alone.

Another old time delusion has been dissipated by the stern logic of statistics. France had the reputation of being the boss frog eating nation, but statistics show that this country consumes ten times as many frog quarters as France. But when it comes to producing the meaty, succulent froggy, this country from New Jersey down leads the world.

The Argentine Republic is suffering from an invasion of myriads of locusts which have been devouring everything green, and have so ruined growing crops that a famine is dreaded. Thousands of tons of locusts were destroyed, but not before they had done incalculable harm.

New York is the greatest seaport in the world, leading London in tonnage of freight about 5,000,000 tons, 20,000,000 to London's 15,000,000, Hamburg's 12,000,000 and Liverpool's 10,000,000. If that was done in American ships it would be something to crow over.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HAMME—Latest style hats.
B. F. KEITH CO—50 000 oranges.
J. H. TAYLOR JR—Christmas tinware.
A. F. FANTOPULAR—Christmas goods

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

J. W. MURCHISON—My umbrella.
W. M SNEEDEN—Christmas dressing.
A. MAVRONICHOLS—Word to the wise.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. S. E. Memory, of Whiteville, was here yesterday.

— Capt. Geo. D. Purdy, of Verona, is in the city.

— Mr. G. H. Currie, of Clarkton, was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. Charles Hewitt, of Southport, was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. Geo. B. Elliott is in the city grasping hands with his many friends.

— Mr. A. H. Rhodes, of Tar Landing, paid the STAR office a pleasant call yesterday.

— Mr. A. N. Sandlin, a successful merchant of Verona, was observed on our streets yesterday.

— Mr. E. Pope, of the North Carlina Conference, was one of yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. Charles Larkins, who has been with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. for some time, will go to Salisbury to live.

Magistrates' Courts.

Justice McGowan disposed of three cases yesterday.

Ann Pearsall, colored, charged with larceny, was discharged.

Neill McArthur, colored, charged with larceny, was adjudged not guilty and the prosecutor was required to pay the costs of the action.

Sarah Martin, colored, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was also adjudged not guilty.

Before Justice Fowler, Joe Hill, colored, was arraigned, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, but was discharged.

Pine Forest Cemetery.

The lot owners of Pine Forest Cemetery met last night at 8 o'clock at the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by James K. Cutlar, after which Jacob Johnson was called to the chair and David Jacobs was requested to act as secretary. The following trustees were elected for the ensuing year, viz: Jas. K. Cutlar, J. J. Jones, Louis Bryan, Jno. T. Norwood, Elijah Lane, Jas. P. Green and Jno. H. Howe.

The meeting then adjourned.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 30 cents tf

Ladies Aprons 25c. Gents linen initial Hdkfs $1.50 a box, at the C. W. Polvogt Co. †

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— Yesterday a colored employe at the Carolina Cooperage and Veneer Works accidentally cut his right hand badly on a saw.

— The usual weekly prayer meeting will be held at the First Baptist church to-night, and will be followed by a business meeting.

— The steamship *Croatan*, Capt. McKee, arrived in port yesterday at 9.30 a. m., about twenty-four hours behind. She was delayed by rough weather at sea.

— Mr. A. Fantopular, the Greek confectioner, announces that he has always on hand a supply of choice fruits and candies. He is just in receipt of a car load of pineapples.

— The British steamship *Vera*, Capt. Cox was cleared from this port yesterday by J. H. Sloan for Bremen, Germany, with a cargo of 9,071 bales of cotton, valued at $378,414.

— The Pythian memorial services which were to have been held last night were postponed until some time in January, on account of the illness of some of those who were to participate.

— Mr. Wm. Tienken has opened up his shaving and hair dressing parlors at No. 17 Princess street, formerly occupied by the Cowan-Clawson Co. The furnishings are all new and of elegant make.

— Mr. W. A. Whitney, commanding the Baptist Boys' Brigade, has received his commission as sergeant of Company C, Second Regiment of the North Carolina State Guard. The honor is worthily bestowed.

— The entire cargo of fifty thousand oranges of the *Mabel Darling* was purchased yesterday by the B. F. Keith Company, and these gentlemen announce that this choice lot of oranges will be disposed of by them at an extremely low price.

— Both the O. A. N. and A. C. L. foot ball teams were out last night practicing hard for the Christmas game. The former team is requested to meet to night at 8 o'clock at their hall and the latter team is also requested to assemble at the same time at the postoffice.

OPERA HOUSE

The Lees, Hypnotists, to Open a Week's Engagement Next Monday Evening.

The Lees, presenting entertainments of high class hypnotism, will open a week's engagement at the Opera House, commencing Monday evening, and although their engagement comes at a bad time, just before Christmas, they will no doubt play to a large house every night. The Lees for the past two years have created quite a sensation, and have been playing to large houses throughout the South.

Mr. F. R. Lehmen, the advance representative, was a caller last evening at the STAR office, and he states that the opening night, Monday, a man will be hypnotised upon the stage at the Opera House in full view of the audience, and will then be carried through the streets and placed in a show window of one of the down-town stores and kept there sleeping until Wednesday evening, when he will be transported back to the Opera House and awakened upon the stage. During the stay of the sleeping man in the window, which will be forty-eight hours, a watch will be kept to see that no nourishment is given to the subject, and the watchman will be required to make an affidavit that the sleeping man has not partaken of any kind of nourishment.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—1,098 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 75 bbls rosin, 12 bbls tar, 4 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—2,292 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 80 bbls rosin, 86 bbls tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—41 bales cotton, 19 casks spirits turpentine, 78 bbls rosin, 17 bbls tar, 28 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—231 bales cotton, 19 casks spirits turpentine, 93 bbls rosin, 62 bbls tar.

Wilmington & Newbern R. R.—351 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 37 bbls rosin, 7 bbls crude turpentine.

Steamer W. T. Daggett—1 bale cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 59 bbls rosin, 37 bbls tar, 4 bbls crude turpentine.

Schooner Willie B.—5 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 65 bbls rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 4,004 bales; spirits turpentine, 84 casks; rosin, 481 bbls; tar, 214 bbls; crude turpentine, 38 bbls.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Remains of the Late Mrs. M. J. Sutton Interred at Oakdale.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Martha J. Sutton, who died at the Catherine Kennedy Home last Tuesday morning took place at half-past three o'clock yesterday afternoon from Grace M E church, the services being conducted by Rev. R. A. Willis, the pastor. There was a good attendance of friends and acquaintances of the deceased. The interment was at Oakdale cemetery, and numerous floral designs—tokens of respect and esteem felt for the deceased—were laid upon the grave. The pallbearers were Col. Roger Moore and Messrs. Jas. F. Post, Jr., W. W. Hodges, B. J. Jacobs, A. C. Craft and A. G. Hankins.

Celluloid goods and leather goods for sale at the C. W. Polvogt Co. †

Dolls and Fancy China Ware for sale at the C. W. Polvogt Co. †

INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE.

Three Important Manufactories Established in Wilmington That Give Employment to Many Persons.

The benefit that a town or city derives from the possession of a large number of manufacturing concerns is so apparent that an attempt to explain the fact would be quite superfluous. A manufacturing town is almost always a thriving town, and so there is no one that does not congratulate this city upon the now assured increase of her manufacturing interests. Within the last six months three important factories have begun operations here, giving employment to 75 or 100 operatives, and representing between fifty and one hundred thousand dollars capital.

THE ROANOKE CHEMICAL COMPANY have their baking powder and soda manufacturing plant in the three story brick building on Nutt street, previously used as the depot and warehouse of the Wilmington and Newbern Railroad Company. Persons passing that way will be surprised at the air of activity that marks the place. Piles of boards from which the cases are made may be seen on a part of the platform in front of the building, while at another place men are at work stencilling the cases and getting them ready for the cans of powder with which they are filled.

The machinery for mixing the powder is kept on the third floor. The different ingredients are passed into a large hopper, running from this into a bin on the second floor and there caught in the tin cans which are in position on the second floor. In this apartment of the second floor five women are employed putting the covers on the cans as fast as they are filled. In an adjoining room the labelling is done by some fifteen or twenty young people, and in still in another apartment six or eight female employes are kept at work putting up baking soda in pound, half-pound and quarter-pound packages. There is room on the second floor also for the storage of a good deal of material.

On the first floor is situated, besides the offices of the company, the plant for the manufacture of the tin boxes. A five horse power electric motor runs the different machines, with the exception of the cutter, which is run by foot power. The tin for a single box, after leaving the cutter, is passed through a roller, then through a crimping and sealing machine, when it is ready for the last machine, which seals the bottom on. The bottoms and tops are turned out from a large power press, which can be so adjusted as to make ends for boxes of any size.

The conveniences for shipping which Wilmington offers are the inducements which led to the removal of the factory from Roanoke. The building is directly on the water front and there are railroad tracks on three sides. A few days since the schooner *Oakland* took a cargo of baking powder and soda to Charleston. Cars are being loaded daily for shipment to Texas, Louisiana, Maryland, Florida and Alabama, as well as the States nearer by.

Mr. B. A. Jones is the President of the Company and Mr. G. C. Jones is the Secretary and Treasurer.

THE SHUTTLE BLOCK FACTORY.

Mr. L. A. Weeden, of Fayetteville, is owner and manager of this important industry. The buildings occupy the block on Surry street to the west of the railroads and between Castle and Church streets. They consist of the saw mill, the warehouse for storing the blocks and a cottage, the home of the foreman, W. S. Noble.

The only kinds of wood that can be used in the manufacture of shuttle blocks are persimmon and dogwood. This is brought to the city in wood flats and on cars, spur-tracks for the latter having been laid alongside the warehouse.

Shuttle blocks of different lengths are turned out—some as long as 38 inches and from 2½ to 3 inches thick. They are shipped in the rough to factories in this and other countries for finishing.

While there is no complex machinery used in turning out shuttle blocks, it is not at all so simple a process as one might think at first. The great object is to get employes who can avoid unnecessary waste of timber. Only long experience enables the workmen to get the most out of a log of wood.

THE WILMINGTON BREWING ASSOCIATION.

The Wilmington Brewing Association, of which Mr. T. J. Callett is President, purchased several months ago the buildings on the corner of Dock and Water streets. Extensive repairs were made. The old building was patched up considerably and there was a new, corrugated iron building erected at the rear of the old one.

The company started out to manufacture all the ice to be used in the brewing business and also to furnish ice to the city trade. The brewery is not yet in operation, but ice is being manufactured daily.

The machinery is all new and of improved make. A pump fifty feet deep and affording a generous supply of good water was driven and connected with a small engine by which the water can be sent to the tank. The capacity of the plant will be thirty tons daily when a new tank now in contemplation is erected. Recently the management of the ice manufacturing branch of the business was transferred to the Carolina Ice Company.

On account of the Settlers' Convention and Reunion of the Carolinas, Southern Pines, N. C., December 22d and 23d, the Seaboard Air Line will sell tickets to Southern Pines from Wilmington at the rate of $2.80 for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 21st and 22d with final limit December 25th, 1897.

Fresh California Pears at Palace Bakery. †

Visit the C. W. Polvogt Co. to-day. †

AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Marriage of Miss Ellen W. Draper and Mr. Wm. A. Dick.

At 5.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon at St. James' Episcopal church Miss Ellen W. Draper and Mr. Wm. A. Dick, both of this city, were united in marriage, the Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., rector of the church, officiating.

The interior of the church was prettily dressed with rare and beautiful flowers, artistically placed in position for the happy event. When the appointed hour arrived the organ, responding to the skilled touch of Mr. E. H. Munson, pealed forth Lohengrin's "Bridal Chorus," and during this superb rendition the bridal party entered the two ushers, Messrs. Geo. B. Elliott and H. M. Chase leading the way, followed by Miss Mary Lilly Kenan, maid of honor, attired in a handsome Parisian gown of electric blue velvet prettily embroidered and carrying a choice bunch of carnations. The bride, becomingly habited in a magnificent gown of brown cloth and velvet, artistically trimmed, and carrying a large bunch of English violets, entered on the arm of her father, Mr. Edw. T. Draper, and was met at the altar by the groom, who had entered the church from the vestry room accompanied by his best man and brother, Mr. Fred W. Dick.

After the vows were spoken, which united the happy pair in marriage, Mr. Munson rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march on the organ and the bridal party left the church, and were then driven to the residence of the bride's father, corner of Third and Ann streets, where a reception was held, only, however, the bridal party and the immediate family of the contracting parties being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick at 7.15 o'clock departed on the north-bound Atlantic Coast Line train for a visit to New York, Washington, Boston, and other places of interest.

The bride is one of Wilmington's charming daughters and an exceedingly popular one, and the groom, who holds a position of responsibility and trust with the Atlantic Coast Line, is well liked by all who know him.

The presents received by the happy couple were both handsome and costly.

Before the arrival of the bridal party at the church several choice musical selections were rendered by Mr. Munson on the organ.

CHIEF HANEY'S DEPARTURE.

Well Pleased With His Stay in Wilmington—His Views as to the New Fire Department.

Chief H. P. Haney, of Atlanta, returned home yesterday afternoon via the Seaboard Air Line. Just previous to his departure, he informed a STAR representative that his stay in this city had been a most pleasant one; that he deeply appreciated the hospitable manner in which the people of Wilmington had received him, and that he was under many obligations to the city officials for courtesies shown him during his visit. Chief Haney said that the men now doing service in the fire department here were good and capable, and will in time, which will permit practical experience, make the most efficient of firemen.

Chief Haney's idea is for the city, as soon as the department commences to run smoothly and on a good basis, to erect a large engine house on the vacant lot corner Fourth and Dock streets and let all the central companies—Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, Steam Engine Company No. 1, and Chemical Engine No. 1—have their quarters there, and also to keep the chief's horse and cart there. Of Chief Schaibben Chief Haney speaks well, and says he is the right man.

NORTH CAROLINA SOROSIS.

The Home Science Branch Moving for Cleaner Streets and a Training School for Servants.

The Home Science branch of the North Carolina Sorosis held a meeting yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Wm. H. Chadbourn. The attention of the department is at present directed to the necessity of cleaner streets for Wilmington. It was decided to call on the merchants and request them to insist upon their porters putting all trash, scraps of paper, etc., in boxes provided for that purpose. The superintendents and principals of the schools have already been interviewed on the subject and their co-operation secured. Mayor Wright will also be asked to lend his assistance and influence.

Another matter discussed was the establishment of a training school for white servants. It has been learned that there are several young white girls who would like to learn cooking, sewing and other household duties, and the Sorosis desire to place within the reach of these a practical and yet inexpensive training.

Daughters of the Confederacy.

A meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy was held yesterday afternoon at the Wilmington Light Infantry armory, Mrs. E. H. Parsley, the president, presiding. The report of the delegates, Mrs. Parsley and Miss Mary Meares, who attended the meeting held in Baltimore, Md., the 10th of last month, was read.

After the transaction of several other matters the meeting adjourned.

Lost Everything by Fire.

Mr. T. C. Coleman, of the STAR office, received a telegram yesterday from his sister, Mrs. O. G. Hartsfield, at Tifton, Ga., announcing that she had lost everything by fire; but the family were safe. Mrs. Hartsfield formerly lived in Kinston, N. C., where she has many relatives and friends, who will regret to hear of her misfortune.

The C. W. Polvogt Co. have a nice line of Christmas goods. Visit them when down town. †

Extra help employed at the C. W. Polvogt Co. to wait on you promptly. †

PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENT

At the Elegant Home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bellamy, Jr.

Last night the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bellamy, Jr., on North Fifth street, was the scene of one of the most interesting social events of the season, it being the occasion of the formal introduction to society of their daughter, Miss Eliza, who, after the completion of her education in Baltimore, has recently, in company with a number of her classmates, made an extensive tour of Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy were assisted in receiving their guests by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bellamy, Miss Eliza Bellamy and Miss McCahill, of Washington City. The house was decorated with palms, bamboo, La France roses and maidenhair ferns, and it presented a most beautiful appearance. Mrs. John D. Bellamy, Jr., was attired in a gray Bengaline dress trimmed with chiffon and jewel passementerie. Mrs. Robert Bellamy wore a Nile green silk, trimmed with sable and chiffon. The costume of Miss McCahill consisted of white moire velour, trimmed with accordean pleated chiffon.

Miss Eliza Bellamy, the fair debutante, was most becomingly gowned in a white taffeta silk, trimmed with chiffon and jewel passementerie, and her charming manners made her a host of friends who will welcome her most cordially into the social world. All went as merry as a marriage bell, and the immense crowd of beautiful women, so tastefully dressed, was a most fair sight to look upon.

During the evening refreshments, choice and palatable, were daintily served to the guests by charming young ladies.

There was no attempt at display—the home-like heartiness so genuinely characteristic of North Carolina hospitality being the predominant feature of the occasion, and the immense crowd that was present will always remember the event most pleasantly, for it will ever be associated with the fondest recollections, the gracious manner of the host and hostess making every one feel perfectly at ease.

Vincent-Stoner.

At high noon yesterday in Baltimore, Md., Mr. Robert W. Vincent, of the *Dispatch*, this city, one of Wilmington's popular young citizens, and Miss Annie Maud Stoner, of Baltimore, formed a union for life. The marriage was celebrated at St. Barnabas' church, the rector, Rev. Thomas Atkinson, officiating, amidst a large and fashionable assemblage. After the ceremony a reception was held by the happy pair from two to four o'clock at the residence of the bride, No. 604 East Eager street.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent are expected to arrive in the city to-morrow afternoon.

Somebody Lost Some Money.

When the W., C. & A. train arrived at Brinkley Tuesday afternoon, Capt. Carman found a telegram from Chadbourn stating that a gentleman who had got off there had lost $100 on the train. A search was instituted, but the money could not be found. Mr. S. E. Memory, of Whiteville, and Mr. W. E. Thigpen, of Chadbourn, were on the train and remembered seeing two young men get off at Chadbourn. An old colored woman on the train said she saw one of the young men drop the money and the other pick it up.

Look Out for Sneak Thieves.

Sneak thieves have once more commenced to ply their unlawful profession in the city in a lively manner.

About 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the residence of Mr. W. G. Webb, on Dock street, between Third and Fourth, was quietly entered and two umbrellas and two ladies' gossamers were stolen.

It is also reported that the residence of Col. Jas G. Burr and Mr. J. J. Hopkins were robbed in the same manner, two overcoats being stolen from the former and an umbrella from the latter.

Art Exhibition.

Tuesday evening next, at Abbie Chadbourn Memorial Hall, an art exhibition, embracing a display of pictures by Gibson, Wenzell, Smedley and many other well known and noted artists, will be given under the auspices of the Westminster League. This entertainment will afford great pleasure to all lovers of art and a fine opportunity for the purchase of choice and desirable Christmas gifts.

Deserters From a British Steamer.

Deputy Sheriff Fonville, colored, yesterday arrested Charles Ultria and Walter Dallergia, both white, on a warrant from Justice McGowan's court, and placed both men in jail. Dallergia and Ultria are the steward and assistant steward, respectively, of the British steamship *Vera*, Capt. Cox, now in port, and were arrested for deserting the ship. Later Ultria was released and carried back on board the ship.

This Sounds Like Him.

Governor Russell is no doubt credited with saying a good many things he has never said, but this, about the "resignation" of Col. Jno. R. Smith, sounds very like him: "Smith is incapacitated for the management of the penitentiary. He will make a Commissioner of Agriculture as no brains are required to run that department."

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 30 cent

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculte the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

Fifty bunches fine Aspinwall Bananas, 10c and 15c per dozen, at Palace Bakery. It will pay you to examine this fine stock. †

A busy place is the C. W. Polvogt Co.; they have extra help employed to wait on the trade. †

THE MORNING STAR.

Are you a subscriber to THE MORNING STAR? If not, why not?

Do you want a first-class daily paper at $5.00 per year, or $1.25 for three months? If so, subscribe to THE MORNING STAR.

Do you want a paper that prints the latest telegraphic news, the best local news, reliable market reports, excellent short stories, and the choicest miscellaneous matter? If so, subscribe to THE MORNING STAR.

Do not forget that THE MORNING STAR is the cheapest daily of its class in North Carolina. Its price is $5.00, while the published price of others ranges from $7.00 to $8.00.

MATCHLESS MAXTON.

Her People Not Cast Down by Recent Misfortunes—Push and Progress to the Fore.

Notwithstanding her misfortunes by reason of recent fires and business failures, the people of Maxton are showing their proverbial energy as will be seen from the extracts given below from the Maxton correspondence of the *Robesonian*:

The artesian well has reached a depth of three hundred feet. No water yet, but the enthusiastic manager of the enterprise says they are going through a rock and the sparkling water will soon be forthcoming.

H. C. McNair, Esq., is in the Northern markets selecting machinery preparatory to erecting a foundry, iron works and machine shops at this place. Other persons are concerned in the enterprise; but we did not get their names. Success to the undertaking. No dancing backward in Maxton.

W. B. Harker left Friday evening for Baltimore, Philadelphia and other Northern cities in the interest of the cotton factory at this place. We understand new and more machinery is to be placed in the factory. A new boiler and engine is to be substituted for the old ones, and a general go forward move is to be adopted. The increase in number of spindles will give employment to fifteen or twenty additional hands.

DIED.

RORISON—At Saginaw, Mich., December 15th, 1897, LIZZIE, wife of M. B. Rorison, and youngest daughter of James H. and Mary Ann Chadbourn. Funeral notice later.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

50,000 Oranges.

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PAN-AMERICANISM.

A short while ago we called attention to a speech made in the Austrian Reichsrath by Count Goluchowski, the Austrian-Hungarian Foreign Minister, in which he declared that Europe would find it necessary to form a combine of the nations to protect themselves against America, which was becoming a formidable competitor in the trade of the world. This sentiment has found a response in Germany, which was voiced by Herr Hammacher in a speech in the Reichstag, when he said:

"The most important thing is the policy of England and the United States England's policy is evidently directed to ward the formation of a Zollverein with her colonies. The United States also undoubtedly wish to protect themselves against our exports; but matters are coming to such a pass that other American Republics are joining the United States in order to form a Zollverein.

"Pan Americanism is for Germany still more momentous than Monroeism The United States are not to be considered on the same footing as a single European State, but rather as an entire continent with regard to production; and my opinion, which is shared by eminent statesmen and has also been expressed recently by Count Goluchowski, is that European States will in the coming century be obliged to co operate in order to support each other in the struggle for existence with America.

"Germany alone would be powerless in the conflict, but we must take care that when the hour comes she is in a position to take her part."

Herr Hammacher would pool issues with Count Goluchowski and form a combine of the Continental European nations against America, leaving out England, for which they haven't much more use than they have for America. This is a pretty candid confession of America's potentialities and of Europe's weakness from a commercial standpoint. Germany, this German statesman declares, would be powerless alone, but must put herself in a position to co-operate with other nations on that side when the tug of commercial war begins.

When these statesmen, looking into the future, talk about the "next century," they mean at no distant day, for this century is nearing its end and the "next century" will soon be here, and in these days of quick movements events develop with lightning rapidity compared with the pace of events even a quarter of a century ago. There are more movements on the world's stage in one day now than there were in a month thirty years ago. Nations that figured but little then are mighty factors in the world's arena now, and Germany is one of them. She did, under the aggressive, organizing genius and power of Bismarck, the man of "blood and iron," develop a mighty latent power, and with it has developed a mighty ambition, which is reaching out for domain in other lands, fostering colonial dreams, to imitate and eventually compete with England, for which the Kaiser, notwithstanding the dash of English blood in his veins, entertains a deep aversion.

But they fear England less than they do the great Republic of the Western Hemisphere, which full of young life and young energy they see dominating the Western world and reaching out for commercial supremacy after England has been relegated to a backward position and compelled to content herself with the trade of her colonies. They look upon the prestige of England as already practically gone and see danger from across the seas.

A pan American Zollverein is what these foreign statesmen are apprehending, and a pan-American Zollverein they should have and the sooner our American statesmen act upon the hint and proceed with the American Zollverein business the sooner these United States will achieve their destiny of becoming the greatest power commercially and otherwise on the earth. But they are never going to do it by following in the ruts made by the European machine or by listening to the dictation of European financiers, or others who build up money systems and humbug our statesmen and financiers into adopting them and playing second fiddle to the nations which in their legislative councils declare they must combine against these United States to save themselves from disaster. For over a quarter of a century they have held this country practically in their power, by making it their vassal in the matter of money, by imposing upon it their money systems, which made this country a money borrower and a tribute payer to them. And yet some of our financiers and our statesmen would continue to pursue that course and continue to be money borrowers and tribute payers to them while they continue to cut us out of European markets and other markets which they wish to control for themselves.

Forewarned is forearmed, at least it is with the man or country of ordinary gumption, and if our statesmen were either not blinded or demoralized by so long following these foreign dictators and at their bidding worshipping the golden calf, they would forthwith invite into our commercial councils the countries on this hemisphere, and make it a case of pan-America against pan-Europe, and see which would squeal first. Before the next century is half out there will be more people on this hemisphere than there is now in all the gold nations of Europe, and if we, acting with the other countries on these two continents, relegated the single gold standard, and put silver where it always stood up to 1873 in relation to gold, we would soon dictate the financial policies of the world, and the third decade of the new century wouldn't see a single gold monometallic nation on the face of the earth.

These nations which are urged by their statesmen to combine against America can't live without America, but America can live without them. They must have our bread and meat, and other things, while we absolutely need nothing from them, and would be independent of them if we carried out the suggestion of the German statesman and formed the commercial alliances he refers to in this Western world. This wouldn't interfere with Europe's buying our foodstuffs and other things, for these she buys only when she is compelled to buy them, buys them only when she is short and can't get them elsewhere. With pan-America bucking up to pan-Europe we would make it interesting for the roosters in the old lands.

MINOR MENTION.

Our Raleigh correspondent informs us that Superintendent Smith has been discharged from the penitentiary and installed as Commissioner of Agriculture in place of Mr. Mewborne, resigned. Mr. Smith had previously resigned because he couldn't stand the pressure, but resigned doubtless with the understanding that he would get another job, and hence the resignation was held up until the deal was made with Mewborne, by which he surrendered the Commissionership of Agriculture and stepped into the penitentiary, which is a better paying job. Smith loses $500 a year by the deal, Mewborne gains $500 a year, and Governor Russell gets Smith out of a place where he was getting the administration into trouble by his incompetency. But is a man who is incompetent to manage a lot of penitentiary convicts competent to preside over the Department of Agriculture? Does it require less executive ability or mental training to look after the farming interests of the State than it does to look after the convicts? We were under the impression, and we think intelligent people who know anything about farming will agree with us, that it requires a high order of ability to successfully preside over the Department of Agriculture, especially in these days when efforts are being made to lift that industry up and improve in the slipshod methods which have heretofore prevailed so generally. The Commissioner of Agriculture should be a man of large ideas, full of snap and energy, a close observer and full of progress; not an incubus lifted out of one place on account of incompetence and thrust into that to stop his mouth and make a soft place for him. This lacks very little of an outrage on the farmers of the State. It is intimated that this appointment may be but temporary, that the position is held subject to the approval of the Board of Agriculture, which is in itself a practical confession of the unfitness of the appointment, and an indirect apology for it. It shows, however, the appreciation in which the farmers of the State are held by the gentlemen who put up this job.

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According to the last report of the United States Commissioner of Navigation this country has a total of 3,776 steam vessels with a total tonnage of 1,306,247 tons. Of these 111 have a tonnage of 2,500 tons and over, 191 a tonnage of from 1,000 to 2,500, and 295 between 500 and 1,000 All the others are less than 500, running as low as 5 tons. These figures, in tabulated form, showing the number of vessels with the tonnage of each class, were copied by the Philadelphia *Maritime Journal*, in noticing which the Philadelphia *Record* makes the following pertinent comment:

"This looks portentous, and makes grist for grinding into flamboyant campaign oratory, but the *Maritime Journal* proceeds to show that deducting ferry boats, sidewheel pleasure craft, Long Island Sound steamers and coal barges there only remain 186 steamships of over 1,000 tons gross register, and that two-thirds of these are engaged in coastwise trade which our navigation laws prevent outside competitors from engaging in.

"Our policy of 'protecting' our shipbuilding interests by the absolute denial of registry to foreign built ships, though belonging to American owners, has resulted in turning our international carrying business completely over to vessels flying foreign flags. The *Maritime Journal* says: The sale of the steamers Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Conemaugh by the International Navigation Company to the States Steamship Company for the Pacific trade leaves but five steamships flying the American flag across the Atlantic ocean. They are the St. Paul, gross tons, 11,269 21; St. Louis, gross tons, 11,629 21; New York, gross tons, 10,802.61; Paris, gross 10,794 86, Evelyn, gross tons, 1,963 44. The latter three were built in English shipyards.'

"And the protectionists, who by an absurd policy destroyed our shipping interest, engaged in the foreign carrying trade, have no other remedy for the correction of the blundering than to persist in it and to coax our merchants to buy and sail dear ships by promising to make good through the payment of bounties out of the general pocket any losses they might incur."

The port of New York is now the greatest port in the world, and yet there are but five steamships crossing the Atlantic, which carry the American flag, and three of these are foreign built ships, which carry the flag by special enactment of Congress to permit them to carry it.

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The proceedings of the caucus of the Democratic members of the House of Representatives Tuesday night show that they are practically unanimous in opposition to retiring the greenbacks and Treasury notes. This was to be expected, for they could not favor that without committing themselves to the gold standard and to gold payments which is the basis upon which the proposition is made. Aside from the contraction of the currency which would result from such retirement, this would be a sufficient reason why they should oppose such retirement. We do not think the Democrats will be alone in this, but will have standing with them a good many Republicans who are no more in favor of retiring the greenbacks and Treasury notes than Democrats are, although some of them may go so far as to sanction Mr. McKinley's recommendation to reissue the greenbacks redeemed only in exchange for gold when the "revenues of the Government are sufficient to meet its expenses," which is a contingency somewhat remote and makes the proposition apparently harmless. But they are not going into any wholesale retiring. They have entirely too much regard for the opinions of their constituents to do that.

There is no country in the world where American trichinae multiply as fast as they do in Germany. Since the Dingley tariff went into operation six times as much trichinae-bearing meat from this country was seized as ever before in the same time. One thing can be said of Mr. Dingley's job, if it doesn't produce as much revenue as expected, it produces more trichinae—over in Germany.

TWINKLINGS.

— "It seems strange that he could plunder a great corporation like that for years without being found out."

"Well, you see, the corporation was pretty busy itself."—*Chicago Journal.*

—Insurance Agent—"Before filing the claim, will pou be kind enough to give me a certificate of your husband's death, madame?"

The New Widow—"With pleasure."—*Life.*

— Van Noodle—"D'yer know, Miss Tungbit, that old duffer, Chapwith, called me a muff the other night."

Miss Tungbit—"Indeed! Why, I think you more closely resemble a boa."—*Harlem Life.*

— Accounted For—"What's all Austrian trouble about, anyway?"

"It's all over a question of national language."

'Oh, I see; that accounts for the war of words."—*Philadelphia North American.*

— Towne—"It's really wonderful how nature always manages to strike a balance in all her departments."

Browne—"For instance?"

Towne—"Well, in winter snow comes down while in summer ice goes up."—*Brooklyn Life*

— First Suburbanite (bitterly)—"I'm blest if I think the average cook will ever get to heaven."

Second Suburbanite—"Don't know; but it's very questionable whether she'll be willing to stay after she does get there."—*Puck.*

— "This can't be an expensive present which Mr. Dinsmore has sent me, mamma," remarked the fair young girl.

'How do you know?"

'He has taken off the price mark."—*Detroit Free Press.*

— Biggs—"It's awfully inconvenient living on the fourth floor and having to carry up everything one uses.

Diggs—'Why don't you try a dumb waiter?'

Biggs—"We did, but it wouldn't answer."

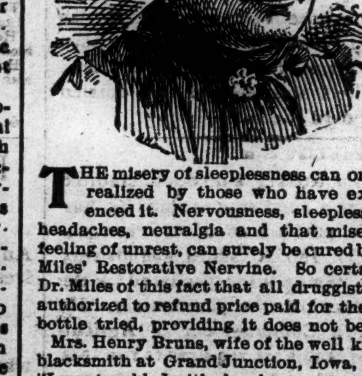
— "You will agree with me, sir," said the thin passenger with the shiny coat, "that it is wicked to put brandy in mince pies."

"By gad, suh," said the portly passenger with the shining nose, "it, if it is good brandy, is positively sacrilegious."

Diseases often lurk in the blood before they openly manifest themselves Therefore keep the blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla. †

—— The present administration, especially in the interior department, has permitted many gross violations of the civil service law. This has encouraged the Republican spoilsman to attempt the abolition of the entire system. Already they have consulted and counted their strength, and they claim to be greatly encouraged by the developments.—*Atlanta Journal Dem.*

Her Health Restored



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Mrs. Henry Bruns, wife of the well known blacksmith at Grand Junction, Iowa, says: "I was troubled with sleeplessness, nervousness, headache and irregular menstruation; suffering untold misery for years. I used various advertised remedies for female complaints besides being under the care of local physicians, without help. I noticed in Dr. Miles' advertisement the testimonial of a lady cured of ailments similar to mine, and I shall never cease to thank that lady. Her testimonial induced me to use Dr. Miles' Nervine and Nerve and Liver Pills, which restored me to health. I cannot say enough for Dr. Miles' Remedies."

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Charlotte *News:* The miser's pot of gold recently found in the ground near Madison, Rockingham county, containing a fabulous sum of money, turns out to have been a baby's bank in which there was $1.83. —— White flint rock is being shipped by the car load from Lincoln county to a glass factory in New Jersey. It is said the farmers get a good price for the rock and are glad to get their land cleared of it.

—Charlotte *Observer*: The suburban home of Mr. A. R. Logie was burned to the ground Monday night and along with it a servants' house, a two story building. The property was located on the Lawyers' road, two miles east of the city, and before its purchase by Mr. Logie several years ago, was known as the Green Steele place. Mr. Logie remodeled the residence and other buildings at a cost of $3,000. It was one of the prettiest suburban homes about Charlotte. ——Late Saturday evening Deputy Collector Brim destroyed two of the largest moonshine stills ever operated in Forsyth county. He found them near Oak Grove church, 15 miles north of Winston. He also destroyed 2,000 gallons of beer. The owners of the plant skipped just before the officers arrived

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: At last the shoe factory at Hillsboro has started up. It began operation Monday morning, with a capacity of 50 pairs of shoes a day. Most of the workmen now employed are skilled men, but others will be employed from time to time and taught. With a full force of skilled hands the factory can turn out 300 pairs of shoes a day. Mr. W. O. Roberts, of Asheville, is superintendent of the factory, which is owned and operated by the State Farmer's Alliance. The people of North Carolina will rejoice to hear of this new home industry started up in their midst and will wish it the most abundant success. Already there have been enough orders for shoes received to keep the factory running for some time. —— The woman moonshiner, Mrs. Dalrymple, who was last week convicted in the Federal Court and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment, was Monday afternoon released by order of Judge Purnell. She was exceedingly happy on regaining her liberty, and wanted to go up to the court room to thank the judge, but he didn't care to see her. And, indeed, she is anything but attractive, and has the reputation of being a very bad and desperate person. But she is a woman, and for this reason solely the court ordered her release She left on the afternoon train for her home in Chatham county.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— Hon. Tom Watson is on record as having declined to make a speech, though expected to do so. Tom can render himself immensely popular by continuing the same policy.—*Baltimore Herald, Ind.*

—— Mr. Grosvenor doubtless feels that if it is proper for the administration to ignore the Cuban plank of the St. Louis platform there is no special harm in taking liberty with the civil service plank.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— McKinley is the first President who was ever able to send a message to Congress so absolutely colorless that Wall street could not construe it one way or the other for the effect on the stock market.—*Louisville Dispatch, Dem.*

—— It is understood that Great Britain will not oppose Germany's plans in China, provided Germany will not interfere with Britain's little grab on Egypt. Such is the boasted diplomacy of the Old World.—*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

Bleeding and How to Stop It.

Many a mother, says a physician, has had a terrible fright by a child running in with its clothes, hands and face all smeared with blood. It is astonishing what a mess a child will manage to make with a little blood. You will find, most probably, when you have washed with cold water that the amount of injury is a mere trifle. If it is difficult to stop the bleeding, a most valuable remedy is the common whiting, or pipe clay.

Put a thick covering of either of these on the wound, then a bit of dry lint, and press it closely for a few minutes. Let what sticks to the wound remain there and cover with a bit of plaster.

Bleeding from the nose, unless it goes too far, need not alarm you—nay, in many cases it may prevent something much more serious—but when it requires to be stopped let the child sit upright, bathe the neck and face with cold water and dissolve a little alum in water and squirt it up the nostrils. If this does not succeed, send for the doctor.

Mrs. John D. Persons.

Mrs. John D. Persons is a member of the life saving force of the United States. She is, moreover, a sailing captain and a good seafaring woman generally. She is the wife of the keeper of the Thunder Bay Island life saving station, on Lake Michigan. Mrs. Persons did not begin her career in the traditional way by being the daughter of a lighthouse keeper and an oarswoman from childhood. She was born and bred inland and studied the nonnautical branches of learning at Oberlin college. Then she became a music teacher, but meeting and marrying Captain Persons changed the current of her thoughts. Before long she was capable of appreciating the melody of the wind among the shrouds, and by and by she began to assist her husband. In 1889 she passed an examination for the position of captain on her own account, and since that time she has held the right to navigate vessels on the open seas.

Dainty Dinner Cloths.

Renaissance lace of a fine quality is often used to border dinner cloths of fine, heavy, plain table linen. The borders are of varying widths, from 6 to 12 inches, and an insertion of the same lace borders that part of the cloth that rests on the table top. Russian lace in edges and insertions is also used to enrich handsome dinner cloths. It is somewhat expensive, but launders beautifully, and as such cloths are only for occasional use and carefully looked after it may be said to wear forever

The Discovery of the Day.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz, writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

RATTLED BY A GIRL.

For a reporter with but little to write and plenty of time in which to write it there is nothing more pleasant than to dictate a narrative to a cheerful typewriter, particularly if she be young and have nice soft hair to distract the eye and well formed white fingers and be withal exceedingly pleasing, but for a reporter with a long yarn to write and a limited amount of time to finish it things sometimes have a different aspect.

Near Printing House square is a typewriting office which many newspaper men frequent. A new girl came there one day last week—a real nice girl and an excellent operator—but she had never done that kind of work before. While she was sitting in the main room upon the afternoon of her first day a newspaper man came bustling in, and—

"Mrs. J., have you got anybody to take a two column story in a hurry?"

"Yes," replied the manager. "Here is a young lady who has just come to us. Miss Brown—Mr. Smith. You can go into that corner room."

In three minutes the young lady was seated at her machine, the newspaper man was sorting out his notes, and the door was closed so as to leave them undisturbed.

"Now, if you will please begin," the newspaper man said. "'In these days of stern reality and suffering and struggle for existence a romantic episode comes upon one with the refreshing delight with which a traveler in a desert beholds an oasis.'"

Clickety-clickety-click went the keys, and then—

"Isn't that lovely! Is it going to be a novel?"

The newspaper man looked up in amazement, but it was utterly impossible to be angry with such blue eyes regarding him in admiration.

"No," he said. "Please go on. 'In the monotonous routine of Tombs police court cases, however, there was one yesterday behind which lay a story so romantic and so picturesque that it would almost seem to have been created by a great novelist who had striven to excel all his past efforts.'"

When this had been recorded, and while the newspaper man was wondering what he would say next, the young lady, smiling most radiantly, prattled on in this fashion:

"That's just splendid. It sounds like a real novel. Did you ever read 'Clarissa; or, The Forlorn Hope?' It begins something like that, only it isn't so interesting. Do you know, I never took dictation like that before. The last place I worked in I had nothing to do but copy letters. Oh, dear, wasn't it tiresome, though!"

The newspaper man felt his collar getting too small, but after swallowing something that seemed to stick in his throat he said as gently as possible:

"Won't you please go on? I'm in somewhat of a hurry. What have you got there?"

"Where?" in great surprise.

"I mean, please read over what I dictated.

"Oh, how stupid I am! 'In these days of stern reality'—how do you pronounce that word—in two syllables or three? Thank you—'stern reality and suffering'"—

And she read what she had written. Then, just as the newspaper man had settled back in his chair, determined to dictate to the end without giving her another opportunity to interrupt him, she said:

"Excuse me, I think my hair is coming down."

She went to a little mirror in a corner of the room, examined her hair carefully, and then, after touching up the puffs of her sleeves and smoothing her waist, she sighed and returned to her seat.

"There, now; I'm all ready."

For the next few minutes she had to work so hard that she hadn't time to say a single word. But soon the page was filled, and she had to insert a new sheet, and that was her opportunity.

"Gracious! How fast you dictate! It almost takes my breath away. But do you know I like it. I think it's good practice. Were you there when all that happened? My! I wish I could be a reporter."

The newspaper man went on with his dictation. He was fast growing hopping mad, but he hadn't the heart to say a harsh word to the girl. She was really very pretty, and as she became interested in the story a delicate flush mantled her cheeks, and it was a positive pleasure to watch her. But a newspaper man has no time for pleasure during business hours, and these charms did not interest him as much as they might have done under other circumstances, so he struggled bravely on.

"Oh," she suddenly exclaimed, stopping in the middle of a sentence, "did that really happen?"

"Yes, yes! Will you please go on?"

"Well, the idea! I wouldn't have believed it. Do you know, I don't believe half what I read in the papers, but of course if you say so it must be true."

"I'm very sorry I can't chat with you, Miss Brown, but really I'm in a great hurry."

"Oh, I beg your pardon! I forgot all about that."

For nearly ten minutes there was not a break in the dictation, save where a sheet became full and a fresh one had to be inserted. The typewriter kept her lips firmly pressed together, as if she were exerting all her strength to keep silent. It was clear to see that it could not last much longer. In the middle of a paragraph she suddenly stopped, and with a brief "Excuse me for a moment" left the room. In a few seconds she returned, with her jaws moving conclusively and a piece of chewing gum in her hand.

"Won't you have some?" she asked politely.

"N-n-no—and—I'll tell you what—er—I guess I won't have time to finish this story today. I'll come back some other time."

"Oh, you're not going, are you? I'm awfully sorry. I was just getting interested in the story."

"Very sorry—er—how much? Here. All right. Good day!"

And seizing the few sheets that lay in the desk the newspaper man went away and finished the story with a pen.—Exchange.

Right Living.

Right living is, in one sense, a living without making mistakes. To make mistakes is human, however, and a mistake may at least have in it the merit of activity. The person who does nothing may escape blundering, but a do nothing policy is not often a help to progress. "Recently," said a notable speaker at a memorable gathering lately assembled, "I saw some people who have made no mistakes for thousands of years. They were in the museum of the University of Pennsylvania, in the Peruvian and Mexican departments, in glass cases."—Youth's Companion.

Felt Good Afterward.

A little darky sat on a horse block pounding his thumb nail with a hammer.

"Why do you do that?" asked a man riding past.

"'Cause," he whined, "'cause it do feel so good when I stop."—Chicago Record.

Robbed the Grave.

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Coolbath's Cure.

His name was Coolbath, and the way that man used to complain was enough to make his best friend give him the cold shoulder. It was "Oh, my back!" "Oh, my side!" and "Oh!" something or other from Monday morning until Saturday night. He used to go to see his family physician about once a day on an average, and although the doctor was aware that Coolbath was his best patient he also knew that there was really nothing the matter with him, and he resolved to cure him of his everlasting complaining. So one day he said: "Coolbath, what you need is outdoor exercise. I want you to learn to play golf, and when you can play come to me and report results, and after you have taken a few walks around the links see if you don't feel as if you have taken a new lease of life."

Now, I have previously told you there was really nothing the matter with him, but he felt that he must do as the doctor ordered, although he grumbled so much about it that every one wished him in Jericho. Well, he learned the game and played morning, noon and I was going to say night for awhile, and finally I happened around and said: "By the way, Coolbath, how is it that now no one ever hears you complaining about your health. Are you better?"

"Well," he exclaimed, "I do certainly feel much better, but I don't mind telling you, as you are an old friend, that the real secret is that when I am playing golf it keeps me busy thinking of the game, and I'm busy thinking after the game is over; so, you see, I don't have time to think of my ills."

And that is the story of Coolbath's cure.—Golfer.

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BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute		@ 6¾
Standard		@ 7⅜
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@ 14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@ 7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@ 7½
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ℔ ℔	5	@ 5¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@ 5½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 00	@ 1 10
New New York, each		@ 1 20
New City, each		@ 1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@ 22
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℔ M	6 00	@ 7 00
Northern	9 00	@ 14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@ 18
Northern	18	@ 28
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel, in sacks	44	@ 45
Virginia Meal	44	@ 45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@ 85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—		
Sperm	18	@ 25
Adamantine	8	@ 10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—		
Northern Factory	10	@ 11
Dairy, Cream		@ 11
State	10½	@ 12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—		
Laguyra	20	@
Rio	8	@ 10
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@ 5¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@ 20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@ 17
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@ 30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@ 15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@ 18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@ 9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@ 14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	[illegible]	@ 3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@ 6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@ 3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@ 10
" Extra	3 25	@ 3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—		
Low grade		@ 3 75
Choice		@ 4 75
Straight		@ 5 00
First Patent	5 25	@ 6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½	@ 8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bags—White,		@ 45
Car load, in bags—White,		@ 44
Oats, from store	[illegible]	@ 35
Oats, Rust Proof		@ 40
Cow Peas		@ 55
HIDES, ℔ ℔—		
Green		@ 6
Dry		@ 8
HAY, ℔ 100 lbs—		
Clover Hay	80	@ 85
Rice Straw		@ 50
Eastern		@ 90
Western		@ 85
North River		@ 75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@ 2
LARD, ℔ ℔—		
Northern	5½	@ 6
North Carolina	6	@ 10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@ 1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—		
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@ 20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@ 16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@ 18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@ 22 00
Scantling and Board common	14 00	@ 15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—		
Barbadoes, in hhds		@ 25
" " " in bbls		@ 28
Porto Rico, in hhds		@ 25
" " in bbls		@ 28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@ 14
" " in bbls	14	@ 15
Syrup, in bbls	12	@ 15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@ 1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—		
City Mess	9 25	@ 9 50
Rump		@ 9 25
Prime		@ 9 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@ 22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@ 1 10
Liverpool		@ 60
Lisbon		@
American	40	@ 60
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@ 40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@ 6 50
Common	1 60	@ 2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@ 3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@ 5¼
Standard A		@ [illegible]
White Ex. C		@ [illegible]
Extra C, Golden		@ [illegible]
C, Yellow		@ [illegible]
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3¼	@ 4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@ 14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@ 10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@ 9 00
Mill, Prime		@ [illegible]
Mill, Fair	6 50	@ [illegible]
Common Mill	4 00	@ [illegible]
Inferior to Ordinary		@ [illegible]
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed		
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@ 8 50
" Sap	5 00	@ 6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@ 5 00
" Sap	4 00	@ 4 50
6x20 Heart	6 00	@ 6 50
" Sap	5 00	@ [illegible]
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@ 6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@ [illegible]
North Carolina	1 00	@ [illegible]
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	[illegible]	@ 15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 15.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 30¾ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 30¼ cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 15 per bbl for Strained and $1.20 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady; $1.40 per barrel for Hard, 1.90 for Dip and 1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine dull, 24½, 24¼c; rosin firm, $1.45, 1.50; tar steady, $1.10; crude turpentine quiet, $1.40, 1.90, 1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	84
Rosin	481
Tar	214
Crude Turpentine	38

Receipts same day last year—81 casks spirits turpentine, 479 bbls rosin, 481 bbls tar, 57 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅝c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 15-16 cts ℔ ℔	
Good Ordinary	4½	" "
Low Middling	4 15-16	" "
Middling	5⅝	" "
Good Middling	5⅝	" "

Same day last year, middling 6¾c.

Receipts—4,004 bales; same day last year 1,148.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15—Evening.—Money on call firmer at 2@4 per cent, last loan at 3¼, closed offered at 3@3½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 485¼ for demand and 482¾@483⅝ for sixty days. Posted rates 483½@484 and 486½@487. Commercial bills 482¼. Silver certificates 57½@58¼. Bar silver 57. Mexican dollars 45¼. Government bonds were easier; new fours, registered, 129⅜, new fours, coupon, 129⅜; fours, registered, 113, fours, coupon, 114¼; twos registered 99¼ fives, registered 114¼; fives, coupon, 114¼. State bonds dull; North Carolina sixes 120; North Carolina fours 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Rosin steady; Spirits turpentine firm at 33@33½c.

CHARLESTON, Dec 15.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 30c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; quotations unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 15.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30¾; sales 400 casks; receipts 667 casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; receipts 3,585 barrels; quotations unchanged; sales were said to have been made at 5c advance on low grades.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 15.—The cotton market made a quiet and steady start at unchanged prices to an advance of 1 point, subsequently increased the advance to 1 to 2 points, but ruled generally featureless and quiet, news being either scarce or of indifferent purport. The market in the afternoon was irregular under local liquidation, following rumors of easier Southern spot markets and a report that prices in the dry goods market had been further reduced. Futures closed dull at a net loss of 1 to 8 points. The Liverpool cables were not particularly encouraging, although private accounts were rather better than the public reports; they indicated a firm undertone and more disposition on the part of English spinners to anticipate wants While buying was not active it was of a very good class, representing investment rather than speculative operations. There was some demand from shorts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 5⅞c.

Cotton futures market opened quiet and steady and closed dull, with sales of 85,800 bales; January 5 69, February 5 73, March 5 76, April 5 80, May 5 85, June 5 90, July 5 94 August 5 98, September 5 97, October 6 00, December 5 67.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 5⅞c; middling gulf 6⅛c; sales 107 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 2,938 bales; gross 7,881 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,891 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 455 bales; forwarded 2,838 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners 107 bales; stock (actual) 94 132 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 70,493 bales; exports to Great Britain 81 204 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 24 697 bales; stock 1,128,049 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 274,293 bales; exports to Great Britain 62 974 bales; to France 12 978 bales; to the Continent 101 699 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4,736 578 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,487,657 bales; exports to France 423 842 bales; exports to the Continent 1,208,086 bales.

Dec. 15.—Galveston, steady at 5 7 16c, net receipts 18 241 bales; Norfolk, steady at 5¾, net receipts 6,189 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 5⅝, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 5⅝, net receipts 2,231 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅝, net receipts 4,004 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6⅛, net receipts 242 bales; Savannah, quiet at 5 8 16 net receipts 7 628 bales; New Orleans, steady at 5¼, net receipts 15 972 bales; Mobile, quiet at 5 8-16, net receipts 1,007 bales; Memphis, steady at 5¼, net receipts 4,599 bales; Augusta, firm at 5¾, net receipts 1,196 bales; Charleston, steady at 5 8 16, net receipts 3 074 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15—Evening.—Flour—the market continued very quiet at steadier prices; city mill patents $5 65 @5 85; winter patents $4 90@5 10; do. clears $5 40@5 50. Wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red 98¾c f. o. b. afloat; options opened easy under local offerings, rallied on French cables, small Northwestern receipts and cold weather West, held firm all day and closed ⅛@¼c net higher on a late scare among shorts; No. 2 red January closed 97; May closed 93¾; December closed 97¼c. Corn—spot firm; No. 2 34½c f. o. b. afloat; options opened steady and advanced on light receipts, firmer cables and the rise in wheat, closing unchanged to ⅛c net higher; May closed 34½c; December closed 31⅝c. Oats—spot quiet; No. 2 27½c; options quiet all day closing unchanged. December closed 27c; May closed 27⅜c. Lard quoted dull. Pork was steady. Butter quiet; Western creamery 15@23c. do. factory 12@17c; Elgins 23c; imitation creamery 13½@18c; State dairy 13@21c; do. creamery 15@23c. Cheese steady; large white September 8¾@8⅞c; light skims 6@6¾c; part skims 4½@5¼ full skims 3@4c. Petroleum dull. Cotton seed oil quiet. Rice steady. Coffee—spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 6⅝c; No. 7 jobbing 7⅛c; mild dull; Cordova 8½@15c. Sugar—raw strong.

CHICAGO. December 15—Very little business was done to-day in the December delivery of wheat and May did not fare much better. The latter month was well sustained as a rule and at the close was selling ⅛c higher than the final figures of yesterday. Shorts covered freely late in the session. Corn and oats had a lively spurt in the last fifteen or twenty minutes of trading and showed at the closing advances of ⅜@⅛c and ⅛c respectively. Provisions were strong throughout and advanced 7½@15c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Cash quotations: Flour—market easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring 88@89c: No. 3 spring 83@93c; No. 2 red 99¼c. Corn—No. 2, 26¼c. Oats—No. 2, 23¼c; No. 2 white f. o. b. 24@24¼c; No. 3 white f. o. b. 23@23¾c. Rye—No. 2, 45¼@45½c. Mess pork, per barrel $7 50@7 55. Lard, per 100 lbs $4 45@4 50 Short rib sides, loose, $4 26¼@4 62¼. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4 50@4 75 Short clear sides, boxed, $4 45@4 65. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follows: opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—December 97¼, 98¼, 97, 97¼c; January 93, 93¼, 92 93c; May 90¼, 91¼, 90⅝, 91¼c. Corn—December 25¼ 25⅝, 25¼, 25⅝c; January 25⅝, 26, 25⅝, —c; May 28⅝, 29 28¼, 29c. Oats—December 21⅞, 21⅞, 21¼, 21⅞c; May 22¼ 22¼, 22, 22⅜. Mess pork per bbl—December $7 50. January $8 42¼, 8 52¼ 8 40 8 50; May $8 62¼ 8 77¼ 8 62¼ 8 75. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $4 35. January $4 45, 4 50 4 42¼, 4 47¼; May $4 40, 4 67¼, 4 60 4 65. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—December $4 32¼; January $4 30 4 35, 4 27¼, 4 35; May $4 42¼, 4 50, 4 40, 4 47¼.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15—Flour dull and unchanged Wheat easier; spot and month 96¼@96¼c; January 96⅝@96⅞c; steamer No. 2 red 90¾@90⅞c; Southern wheat by sample 91@97¼c; do on grade 91¾@96¾c. Corn steady; spot 33@33¼c; month 33¼@32⅜c; December, new or old, 32¼@32⅜c; January 31⅞@32¼c; February 32@32¼c; steamer mixed 30¼@30⅜c. Southern white and yellow corn 27½@33¼c. Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white 29¼@30c; No. 2 mixed 27@27¼c.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15.—4 P. M.—Cotton—Spot in fair demand and prices firm. American middling fair 3 19 32d; good middling 3 11-32d; American middling 3 7 32d; low middling 3 1 16d; good ordinary 2 15-16d; ordinary 2¾d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export, and included 11,300 American. Receipts 34,000 bales, of which 25,000 were American. Futures opened quiet with a moderate demand and closed barely steady. American middling (l m c): December 3 9 64d buyer; December and January 3 9 64d buyer; January and February 3 9 64d seller; February and March 3 9-64@3 10 64d seller; March and April 3 10 64d buyer; April and May 3 11-64d buyer; May and June 3 12-64@3 13 64d seller; June and July 3 13 64@3 14 64d buyer; July and August 3 14-64@3 15 64d buyer; August and September 3 15 64@3 16-64d buyer; September and October 3 16 64@3 17-64d buyer; October and November 3 17 64@3 18-64d buyer.

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Steamship Croatan, 826 tons, McKee, Georgetown, H G Smallbones.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

BREMEN—Br steamship Vera—9,071 bales, 4,454,625 pounds cotton, valued at $278,414.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

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Samuel W Hall, 306 tons, Mumford, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

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Antra (Nor), 547 tons, Simonsen, Paterson, Downing & Co.

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A Nasty Encounter.

Sir John Drummond Hay gives, from his experiences in Marocco, an account of what the English would call a "nasty encounter" with a wild boar. The animal had been brought to bay, and the dogs had attacked him. When the sportsman was within ten yards, the creature stood waiting, blood streaming down his sides and his bristles on end. Says the writer:

I squatted, took deliberate aim behind the right shoulder and pulled the trigger, expecting to see the beast roll over, but a fizz, a faint report, and the sound of a bullet falling among the bushes tolled my deathknell. I knew that the boar would be on me in an instant.

With faint hope, however, that the second barrel also would not contain a damp charge, I held my gun firm. On came the huge beast, and when he was within three yards I aimed at his left shoulder. The explosion was faint, but he dropped on his head, then rose, and charging on the muzzle of my gun sent it flying over my head.

I toppled backward, my legs thrown straight up in the air, and there I remained, seeing between my legs the grim monster's head and tusks.

The moment appeared a lifetime, but my chief thought was, "My epitaph, 'A fool killed by a pig.'"

On he came, while I kept my legs aloft. It is better, I thought, to have them ripped than to be wounded in more vital regions. So when his grisly snout was on me I brought down my right leg, armed with a heavy shooting boot, like a Nasmyth hammer on his skull.

The boar had only one sound fore leg, and the blow brought him to his knees. This was followed by the left leg, and I pummeled his head alternately with each foot as he tried to get at me.

"If no one comes to the rescue," I cried out, "I shall be killed."

I had scarcely spoken when suddenly there appeared the brave beater, Ahmed Ben Ali, his hatchet raised to strike. "La bas!" he called, which was equivalent to "All right."

The boar left me and went at him, and the lithe fellow struck out with his hatchet, and then jumped aside. A shot followed from the bushes, and the boar fell over dead.

I lay prostrate, spattered with blood, but I had no serious hurt.

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BERTHOLDE THE DWARF.

His Shrewd Answers at the Court of Alboin, King of the Lombards.

Mary Shears Roberts, in her series of "Historic Dwarfs," contributes an article on Bertholde to St. Nicholas. Bertholde was an Italian, and one day he made his way to the palace of Alboin, king of the Lombards, at Verona and boldly seated himself in an empty chair next the throne.

The courtiers were as much surprised at his audacity as they were amazed at his grotesque appearance, but the Lombard chieftain smiled grimly upon the intruder and inquired of him "what he was, when he was born and in what country."

"I am a man," replied the dwarf, whereupon the attendants went off into fits of laughter. "I was born when I came into the world, and the world itself is my country."

King and courtiers now began to realize that they had a shrewd little imp before them, and they commenced to ply him with questions of all kinds. The asking of conundrums was a sort of trial of wit to which sovereigns were much given at this period of history.

"What thing is that which flies the swiftest?" asked one.

"Thought," replied Bertholde promptly.

"What is the gulf that is never filled?"

"The avarice of the miser," was the ready answer of the quick witted dwarf.

"What trait is the most hateful in young people?"

"Self conceit, because it makes them unteachable."

"How will you catch a hare running?" inquired the king.

"I'll stay till I find her on the spit."

"How would you bring water in a sieve?"

"I'd wait till it was frozen," answered the dwarf readily.

The king was delighted. "For so clever a rejoinder," he said, "you shall have from me anything you may desire."

"Oh, no!" cried Bertholde, with a mocking laugh. "I shall have nothing of the sort. You cannot give me what you do not possess. I am in search of happiness, of which you have not a particle. So how can you give me any?"

"How!" exclaimed the king. "Am I not happy on so elevated a throne?"

"Yes, you are, if the happiness of a man consists in the height of his seat."

Then Alboin referred to his kingly power and dignity, and the dwarf retorted with another mocking laugh, and when the king called attention to the nobles and courtiers about him, Bertholde, with a sneer, remarked, "Oh, yes, they cluster round your throne; so do hungry ants round a crab apple, and with the same purpose—to devour it."

"Well said," spake the king, keeping his temper, "but all this does not prevent me from shining among them as the sun among the stars."

"True, but tell me, shining sun, how many eclipses you are obliged to suffer in a year? For the continual flattering of these men must now and then darken your understanding."

"For this reason you would not be a courtier?" inquired his majesty, whose fingers began to play upon his sword in a threatening manner.

"Miserable as I am, I should be sorry to be placed in the rank of slaves," replied the dwarf. "Besides, I have not the necessary qualities to succeed in this fine employment."

"What, then, do you seek at my court?" asked the king in an angry tone.

"Something I have not been able to find there," answered Bertholde. "I was told that a king was as much above common men as a tower is above common houses. I find, as I suspected, that sovereigns are honored more than they deserve."

This was a little too much. The king lost his patience and commanded the dwarf jester to leave the palace immediately or he would have him whipped out of court.

Good Advice.

An authority on physical training for women gives the following directions for securing the best results, which naturally must be modified by individual characteristics and circumstances. "Sleep 9 hours out of the 24, bathe in cold water, exercise five minutes daily with light dumbbells, drink a cup of hot liquid before breakfast, spend half an hour every day in outdoor exercise, make the best of bad bargains and always keep your temper."

HER PENSION.

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posed he was dead; then she got a trace of him through the war records; put in her claim, giving satisfactory evidence, and it was allowed. It isn't anything new. We have such cases every now and then. They always get found out when the pension is due."

"What shall I tell her?" faltered Clyde when Miss Penelope's claim was finally set aside and he and the congressman started to retrace their steps. "From something Mrs. Allen dropped one day I judged the husband wasn't all the old lady cracked him up to be, but I never thought it would be as bad as this. I can't do it—the shock would kill her! Won't you help me out a little?" And he turned to the congressman pleadingly. "It would not be so bad coming from a stranger. If you only had heard her talking about him and seen her face! Why, I should as soon take Nathan's sword and stab her to her heart."

The Hon. Mr. Lane smiled indulgently. The boy was young. When he had seen as much of the bitter side of life as himself, he would become hardened.

"Well, send her around to me at 2:30. Of course if the man was such a scoundrel, the sooner she knows it the better."

The Hon. Theophilus Lane thought he had steeled himself against possible scenes, but when, at the appointed time, a light tap came at his door and he looked up from his papers to meet the confiding gaze of Miss Penelope's soft eyes his task suddenly became very disagreeable to him.

"Mr. Whiting, he said you had something to say to me." And Miss Penelope came forward, refusing the proffered chair with a gentle wave of her hand.

"No; I haven't got time to stop. I s'pose you want me to sign them papers?" She glanced up at him interrogatively, but, meeting with no response, went on in trembling tones:

"You see, every one seems to think I'm so dead set after thet pension, an it wuz all Elviry Brackett's doins. She sed it wuz my duty, an a-slightin of Providence, an I didn't know but what she wuz right. All the way in the cars I kep' a-thinkin, 'What would Nathan say?' an every day it's been the same. I couldn't seem to decide. You see, Elder Little, he allers preached ag'in insurance. He sed how it wuz a sacrilege an somehow I couldn't sep'rate the two nohow. It seems ez ef I wuz bein paid fur Nathan's life. After I cum here an see the avenoo, where them troops marched along with their tattered flags, an when I see them headstones an all this beauchus city they helped to save, why, my whole soul riz ag'in it.

"I sez to myself, I can't take it. Nathan wouldn't hev it so. He giv his life fur his country athout money an athout price. So, you see, I can't sign them papers nohow.

"I wuz goin to pay Miss Allen with a part of thet money, but I guess she'll take it out in butter an eggs, an the ladies, they've ordered hooked rugs, an the gentlemen mittens an mufflers. Why, I've got 'nough to do to keep me busy I don't know how long."

The Hon. Theophilus Lane bent from his towering height to take the little old lady's hand in his, and as he gazed in the earnest face, transfigured by the light of a firm resolve, he felt a thrill that not all the applause from one of his famous speeches had had the power to waken.

"Do you think that you could manage to fill an order for me, Miss Penelope?" he asked, with as much anxiety as if hooked rugs, mittens and mufflers were desirable commodities in Washington.

"Well, now, I dunno but what I might, seein's it's you," Miss Penelope answered reflectively. "Dear me, I s'pose Elviry Brackett'll be awfully put out when I cum back athout thet pension, but ef Nathan thinks it wrong an I think it wrong, why, it must be wrong, no mistake."

Miss Penelope went back to Canaan as innocent of wrongdoing as when she came, but before her return her story somehow got circulated round, until it reached the president's ear, and he went so far as to ask for the pleasure of a private audience.

It is safe to say that no potentate ever appreciated that honor more fully than Miss Penelope, as she made her courtesy to the chief executive and related a brief account of Nathan's battles.

"Of course it wuz all on his account," she would always conclude, when she was relating the scene to her breathless auditors, after her return home. "He seemed tickled to death to hear about it. Why, I shouldn't be a bit surprised ef they put up one of them statoos to Nathan. There's a heap of 'em stuck up in the parks all over the city."—National Magazine.

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ONLY THE BARREL LEFT.

How a Bright Schoolboy Illustrated His Teacher's Story.

In one of the schools of Chicago there is a teacher who is fond of giving drawing lessons, and all the boys and girls in her department are very well advanced in this department of their work. Not long ago she set her class to illustrating simple little stories which she made up and told to them. One of these stories was about a frisky goat that lived in a back yard not far from the schoolhouse.

"One day Fred went into the yard," related the teacher, "and when Billy saw him he lowered his horns and charged. At

first Fred was so frightened he couldn't move. But when his legs began to work, he ran very fast indeed, dodged around a water barrel that stood at the corner and succeeded in getting away."

When the story was finished, the teacher told the class to begin work, remembering that the picture must contain a goat, a barrel and a boy.

In 20 minutes the work was done and the drawings were handed in. One of the brightest boys in the class was George Davis, and much to the teacher's surprise his picture showed only a barrel standing at the corner of the house.

"Where's the goat?" asked the teacher.

"Why, he's gone on around the corner," explained George.

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"Did he treat you rudely?"

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"You were quite alone?"

"Of course. I had set the decanter down on the table with great care just as the gentleman came into the room. Then came the shock."

"Had you spilled any?"

"Certainly not. But he had rigged the miserable bottle up with one of those music box arrangements which start a tune whenever it is picked up and set down again. Just as I opened my lips to explain my errand it began to play 'Just Tell Them That You Saw Me.'

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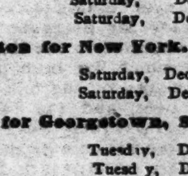

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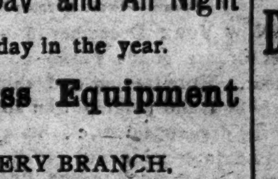

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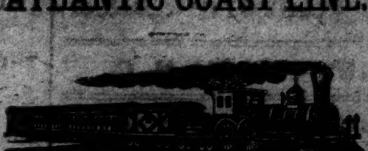

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DAILY 4.00 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.00 p m, Chadbourn 5.40 p m, Marion 6.40 p m, Florence 7.20 p m, Sumter 8.31 p m, Columbia 10.0 p m, Denmark 6.20 a m, Augusta 8.20 a m, Macon 11.30 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.53 p m, Savannah 1 58 a m, Jacksonville 8.20 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 6.45 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.52 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12 47 p m, Wilson 2 37 p m, Goldsboro 3.20 p m, Warsaw 4.11 p m, Magnolia 4 24 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.01 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.22 a m, Goldsboro 7.01 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.05 a m.

DAILY except Sunday 12 3 p m — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9 20 a m, Jacksonville 10 42 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.00 a m, Sanford 1.50 p m, Jacksonville 8 10 p m, Savannah 1 48 a m, Charleston 6.33 a m, Columbia 7.00 a m, Atlanta 8.20 a m, Macon 9.30 a m, Augusta 3.05 p m, Denmark 4.50 p m, Sumter 8.25 a m, Florence 10 05 a m, Marion 10.41 a m, Chadbourn 11 45 a m, Lake Waccamaw 12.16 p m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3 55 p m, Halifax 4 30 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 50 a m, Greenville 8.52 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 18a m, Weldon 11.33 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 a m and 2 30 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 4 00 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 00 a m and 7.20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p m, Sunday, 4 05 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m and 6 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 a m, and Sunday 9 a m. Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m and 11 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.20 a m and 4.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.00 a m, arrive Latta 10.28 a m, Dillon 10 50 a m, Rowland 11 05 a m., returning leaves Rowland 6 10 p m, arrives Dillon 6.29 p m, Latta 6.48 p m, Pee Dee 7.15 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 11.50 a m, arrive Conway 2.10 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.45 p m, arrive Hub 6.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 33 p m, Manning 7.03 p m, arrive Lane's 7 33 p m, leave Lanes 8.28 a m, Manning 9.05 a m. arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.55 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 9.14 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.35 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 28 a m, Cheraw 11 40 a m, Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.15 p m, arrive Darlington 9.00 p m., Hartsville 9 55 p m, Bennettsville 9 58 p m, Gibson 10 20 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10.27 a m. Hartsville 11 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 45 a m, arrive Darlington 7 30 a m, leave Darlington 9 00 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 29 p m, arrive Florence 7 00 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 8 20 a m, Darlington 9 05 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2 20 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 3.15 p m Smithfield 3.22 p m, Dunn 4 00 p m, Fayetteville 4.47 p m, 1.14 a m, Rowland 6.10 p m, returning leave Rowland 9 53 a m, Fayetteville 12.22 a m, 10.35 p m, Dunn 1.05 p m, Smithfield 1.48 p m, Selma 1.55 p m, arrive Wilson 2 35 p m, 12.22 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 40 a m, Creston 5 32 a m, arrive Denmark 6 30 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 50 p m, Creston 5 42 p m, Sumter 6 40 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 a m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 8.05 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.05 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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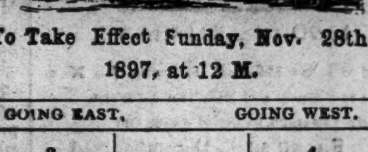

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Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points. S. L. DILL, Sup't.

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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 16, 1897

OFFICIAL NOTE FROM MADRID

As to the Relations Between Spain and the United States—Weyler Received by the Queen Regent.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, December 15.—The Queen Regent to day received General Weyler, the former captain general of Cuba. The audience lasted an hour and three-quarters.

An official note was issued to-night describing as "inventions and exaggerations intended to mislead the people," the sinister rumors as to the relations between Spain and the United States, the supposed effect of President McKinley's message, the agitation in the army, the attack on the American consulate in Havana and the report that filibusters sunk the floating dock there. It urges the people to distrust the foreign press and to rely on "news directly emanating from Madrid and Havana."

The Weylerist organ *La Nacional* believes that Gen. Weyler expressed his ideas on the situation to the Queen Regent with great frankness and notably his indignation as a soldier against "President McKinley's unjustifiable insults," and the government's indifference to the army's honor.

La Nacional adds: "Gen. Weyler is satisfied with his reception at the palace and the day has been a bad one for the government." It says also that Gen. Weyler and the Minister of War, Gen. Correa, had an interview that was "unsatisfactory to both."

SPANISH GENERALS PROTEST.

President McKinley's Message to Congress Considered Insulting to the Army.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BIARRITZ, FRANCE, December 15.—Mail advices received from Madrid (telegrams and telephone messages on this subject being forbidden), say the Spanish military journals, especially the most important, the *Correspondencia Militare* declare that twenty generals have come to an agreement to engineer a protest against President McKinley's message to Congress, which is considered insulting to the Spanish army. It is added that a certain marshal was asked to co operate, but he merely replied that he would consider the matter. General Weyler answered a similar request, saying he desired in the first place to learn the opinion of certain personages, the law not allowing military men to send a collective petition to the Minister for War.

Political circles are much excited at rumors of a manifesto to the country, which is said to be in course of preparation.

The semi-official *Correspondencia de Espana* only indirectly alludes to the agitation.

RETURNED TO WASHINGTON.

President McKinley and Members of His Cabinet—Social and Official Functions at the White House Suspended for Thirty Days.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 15—President McKinley, the members of the Cabinet and others who went to Canton on account of the illness and death of the President's mother, reached Washington shortly before 11 o'clock. The special train was stopped just outside the station yard and the members of the party were driven to their homes.

It is understood to be the present intention of the President to omit all social and official functions at the White House for a period of thirty days from the date of the death of his mother.

Twenty minutes after the Presidential train left Canton last night it struck and instantly killed Louis Moinet, a laborer, walking on the track. The President was much disturbed over the distressing accident.

THE LUETGERT TRIAL.

Small Crowd in Attendance—Public Interest Has Fallen Off Greatly.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 15.—Judging from the small crowd in attendance at the opening of the Luetgert trial to-day, public interest in the proceedings has fallen off greatly. The court room was not more than half filled when Attorney General Harmon resumed his opening address for the defence. Immediately after the conclusion of Mr. Harmon's speech the court adjourned for the day and the members of the jury were driven to the big sausage manufactory at Diversey street and Hermitage avenue, where they spent the afternoon inspecting the gloomy cellars and the sausage vats, in one of which Luetgert is charged with having placed the dead body of his wife and boiled it to a pulp.

THEODORE DURRANT.

Sentenced to be Hanged January 7th Next for the Murder of Blanche Lamont.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

SAN FRANCISCO, December 15.—Theodore Durrant was this morning sentenced to be hanged January 7th next for the murder of Blanche Lamont.

Durrant's attorneys made a desperate effort to secure a further delay and pave the way for another appeal to the Supreme Court, but Judge Bahrs was inexorable and overruled each and all objections made to the proceedings. Durrant was in court and carried himself with his customary coolness. An immense crowd flocked to the court room and filled the corridors of the city hall. This is the fourth time Durrant has been sentenced.

The Norwegian bark Parness, Captain Nisel, from Tonsberg, November 22 d for Wilmington, N. C., has put into Falmouth with sails split.

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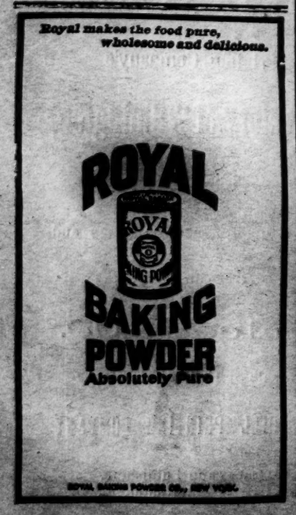

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CUBAN BELLIGERENCY

THE SUBJECT OF AN IMPASSIONED SPEECH IN THE HOUSE.

Bill Prohibiting Pelagic Sealing Passed by the Senate—Resolution for Relief of Miners in Alaska—Civil Service Discussed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The proceedings of the Senate were enlivened to day by an interesting debate upon the bill presented by the Foreign Relations Committee providing for the prohibition of pelagic sealing by Americans. The provisions of the measure were explained by Senator Davis, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, who said that it was in aid of negotiations now pending among the representatives of the Governments of the United States, Great Britain, Russia and Japan. Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, sharply antagonized the measure, saying this country had already suffered more than enough humiliation on account of the seal business, and he favored the settlement of the question by killing all of the seals as they appeared at the rookeries of the Pribyloff is ands, and by the first of June next. Great Britain also had not agreed to the prohibition of pelagic sealing. He offered an amendment to that effect, but it was defeated. The bill was passed by a vote of thirty-seven to fourteen.

The session closed with a spirited civil service debate upon the bill presented by the Census Committee, providing for the appointment of a director of the census and thirty-two employes, who shall form the skeleton of an office force for the twelfth census.

Senator McBride, of Oregon, called up his resolution authorising the Secretary of War to purchase food and supplies and to transport such supplies as may be offered for the relief of the American miners and other sufferers in the valley of the Yukon river, in Alaska, and appropriating $350,000 to defray the necessary expenses. An amendment to the resolution, providing for the transportation of the supplies by means of reindeer, was adopted. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, Senator Hawley, its chairman, promising it should have prompt consideration.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House spent the day in the consideration of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill. Eighty-nine of the 114 pages of the bill were covered, and only two amendments of importance were adopted; one reduced the watchmen force at the State, War and Navy building from fifty-eight to forty, and the other reduced the clerical force at the Pension office to ninety five, involving a reduction in salaries of $115,000. The former amendment was carried over the protest of the Appropriation committee, while the latter was advocated by Gen. Bingham, in charge of the bill, and had been recommended by Commissioner Evans, who said the reduction would not impair the efficiency of the bureau.

The civil service question, as on yesterday, was the chief topic of discussion to day and the proposition of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip to retire clerks for age was vigorously attacked.

At the opening of the session a resolution for the holiday recess from Saturday, December 18th, to Wednesday, January 5th, was adopted.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole and resumed the consideration of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill. Mr. Livingston of Georgia, Democrat, submitted some general remarks in opposition to the Civil Service law, which he denounced as a humbug and a fraud.

Mr. De Armond of Missouri, Democrat, under the latitude allowed in debate on appropriation bills, followed with an impassioned speech reproaching the majority for not voting upon the Cuban belligerency resolution passed by the Senate at the last session. His remarks were given added importance in view of the action of the Democratic caucus last night declaring for an aggressive support of the recognition of Cuban belligerency. He declared that he could not be mistaken in his belief that the American people without distinction of party sympathized with the Cuban cause. The war on the island had been characterized on the one hand by heroism, devoted to the cause of freedom and independence, and on the other hand by all the cruelty and devastation of the darkest ages of the world. The triumph of tyranny in Cuba, he said, would prove a menace to liberty the world over, and in conclusion, amid a round of Democratic applause he appealed to the majority to give the House an opportunity of voting on that resolution.

The debate then drifted back to the Civil Service question and Mr. Moody of Massachusetts, Republican, called attention to what he termed the "extraordinary proposition," advocated by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip to establish in the Treasury Department what is affect would be a civil pension list. "If this system which we support is to lead to the establishment of a civil pension list," said he impressively, "then the people ought to wipe it out of existence." [General applause.]

Mr. Quigg of New York, Republican, Mr. Pearson of North Carolina, Republican, and others became involved in the debate. Finally, Mr. Bingham, in charge of the bill, appealed to the House to let this subject, which has been postponed until after the rest of the bill was completed, go over, and the debate subsided. The bill was then read for amendment under the five-minute rule.

Mr. Dockery of Missouri, Democrat, offered an amendment, which was agreed to, reducing the salary of the Deputy Comptroller of the Treasury from $5 000 to $4 000, thus making the law conform to the appropriations made in recent years.

Mr. Wheeler of Alabama, Democrat, offered an amendment providing that so long as the gold standard is maintained in this country the salaries of all officials shall be scaled 25 per cent. He made a ten-minute speech in support of the amendment, which was ruled out on a point of order.

The amendment reducing the force in the pension office was adopted after an interesting debate. The committee then arose and at 5 05 p. m. the House adjourned.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

No Improvement—Reduction in Prices of Staple Cottons.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 15.—The market for dry goods shows no improvement. Store trading and shipping are very light and judging from appearances in the drygoods district, the market is a very uninteresting one. Mail orders do not help out much in any line. Spring buying has not set in yet to any appreciable extent. In staple cottons at first hands, the feature has been the reduction of Hill 4 4 bleached cottons and half bleached cottons to 5¾c per yard; this is the first of the promised reductions in bleached cottons and is liable to be followed in various quarters by further slumps in prices. In print cloths there has been no movement of ex ras at 2¾c.

Schooner Susan P. Thurlow, from Hillsboro, N. B., for New York, went to pieces on Cushing island, Me., Tuesday night and the captain and five members of the crew were lost. One sailor managed to reach land.

SOUTHERN BANKERS.

Resolutions Adopted by the Convention in Atlanta Demanding Better Facilities and Reformation in Banking and Currency Laws.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, December 15.—The Southern Bankers' convention met here to day at the call of the Clearing House Association, to consider currency reform and recommend measures which will give an elastic currency and to take the Government out of the banking business.

The session was opened by George R. DeSaussure, vice president of the Exchange Bank of this city, who inaugurated the movement. John A. Davis, of Albany, Ga., was elected president, and Darwin G. Jones, manager of the Atlanta Clearing House, secretary. L. P. Hillyer, a Macon banker, was chosen assistant secretary.

The convention adopted by unanimous vote, without debate, the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, We believe that the time has come for Southern bankers to successfully demand better banking facilities from the Congress of the United States, we, therefore, the bankers of the South in convention assembled, hereby suggest reformation in our banking and currency laws as will—

1—Take the banking business out of politics.

2—Take the Government out of the banking business.

3—Avoid the expense and danger always attendant upon Government issues by the retirement and cancellation of the greenbacks and Treasury notes of 1890 (by the substitution of bank notes)

4—Demonstrate to the world that the credit of the United States is as high as that of any other nation.

5—Demonstrate that our measures of value being definitely determined and permanently established, hundreds of millions of dollars from abroad and at home will seek investment here.

6—Keep every dollar of our currency good enough to pass current in every land.

7—Increase the amount of gold and silver in circulation among our people.

8—Give smaller towns the advantage of better banking facilities, so that every honest man will have meted out to him the credit he is entitled to.

9—Give producers of every kind in every section ample currency at reasonable rates of interest, to handle and hold their crops, and manufacturers until they desire to dispose of them.

10—Give lower and equalized rates of interest throughout the United States.

11—Reduce our eight different kinds of money to only two, viz: Specie and bank notes.

12—Protect note holders and depositors under a just and equitable law and supervision.

13—Make all banks equal under any law of the United States providing for banks of issue.

4—Prevent bank panics and currency famines

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that business men of every States should come together in a spirit of harmony and reason, and agree upon such a financial and banking system as will bring prosperity and happiness to the nation.

2—That we believe this can be accomplished by allowing banks with a capital of $25 000 and over to issue notes, to circulate as money and as commercial assets.

3—That our Senators and Representatives be requested to use their best efforts to have the present Congress actively take up the question of better banking facilities and to urge the adoption of such a sound and scientific system of banks of issue as will include all solvent banks, State or national, under wise and just Federal administration and supervision.

4—That under any laws of the United States permitting State or national banks to issue notes to circulate as money based upon commercial assets, the banks should be required to aid the Government in the retirement of the greenbacks and Sherman notes in such manner as may be practical and to the best interests of the people and the Government.

5—That the bankers association of each of the Southern States be requested to appoint a delegate of one to go to Washington and aid in securing Federal legislation upon the line indicated in the foregoing resolutions.

6—That the chairman of this convention appoint an executive committee to be composed of one banker from each of the Southern States, which committee shall be charged with the duty of, 1, Urging legislation by the State Bankers' Association at once as directed in resolution No. 5; 2, Carrying out the purposes of this convention as expressed in the resolutions as adopted.

Following the adoption of these resolution Congressman Fowler, of New Jersey, and E. H. Pullen, of New York, delivered addresses.

Mr. J. S. Carr, a millionaire banker of North Carolina, was invited to address the body. "I am a free silver Democrat," he declared. 'When I get among bankers I confess that I feel lonesome; but I have plenty of company when I am with the rank of the people. I am for State banks all right and I don't care if the notes don't circulate outside of the State of their issue. We want money we can keep at home. The trouble with this good money that circulates everywhere, is that it circulates away from us. The gold standard may be all right for the people up North, where they have plenty of money, but we want something else. I get my ideas of political economy and finance by hard knocks. I tell you that the alarm has been sounded in the watch tower of the public, and the people are demanding that something be done. We had better be doing it, too. I am for the dollar of our daddies, State banks and free silver."

The convention then adjourned, but to-morrow the visiting bankers will be entertained by the Atlanta Clearing House.

A TREATY WITH MEXICO

Extending for a Year the Time for Marking the Boundary Line.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—In the executive session of the Senate to-day a treaty between this country and Mexico, extending for a year the time for marking the boundary line between the two countries, was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations without being read. The various recess nominations sent to the Senate to-day were also referred to the proper committees.

POPULISTS TO CAUCUS

Will Outline Their Policies on Pending Questions in Congress.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The Populists have decided to hold a caucus to-morrow night to outline their policies on pending questions. They will probably oppose the retirement of the greenbacks, the extension of further privileges to national banks, the annexation of Hawaii, and favor the recognition of Cuban independence and the repeal of the civil service law.

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RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET.

GOVERNOR RUSSELL AND THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

The Penitentiary in a Bad Way—Matrimonial Items—The Supreme Court—The State Well Represented at the Cotton Growers' Convention.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*

RALEIGH, N. C., December 15.

When the Board of Agriculture went to the Executive office yesterday at the request of the Governor, that official proceeded to tell what he wanted done. He said that John R. Smith wasn't competent to manage the Penitentiary, and as for the Agricultural Department the Governor said that it did not require brains to run it. A reflection on both Mewborne and Smith.

From the statements made by the Governor and several of his friends on the Board who made it a point to discount the administration of Superintendent Smith, it would appear that the Penitentiary is in a bad way and rapidly going to the dogs.

The marriage of Miss Mary Wilson Pescud, daughter of Jno. S. Pescud, of this city, and Mr. Percy L. Lynch, secretary of the National Rice Trust, occurred this morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents.

A large number of people here went to Durham this afternoon to attend the marriage of Mr. J. E. Stagg and Miss Minnie Lyon.

There is a prevailing opinion that the Supreme Court will not hand down decisions in the cases of the Railway Commissioners until the spring term, which begins February next.

Marshal Carroll sent to day eight Federal convicts to the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio.

This State is well represented at the Cotton Growers Convention in session at Atlanta, Ga.

A hypnotist here put a man to sleep in a window on Fayetteville street Monday night. The subject is to be awakened this evening. The whole town has been flocking about the window where the man is asleep and on exhibition.

Ten convicts were sent to Greensboro to-day to do railroad work.

A GEORGIA TRAGEDY.

Three Men Killed and a Woman and a Girl Fatally Shot at a House Party.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., December 15.—A special to the *Telegraph* from Jeffersonville, Ga., says:

The citizens of this place were startled last night by a fusilade of pistol shots at the residence of R. L. Califf, where a house party was in progress. The screaming of women aroused the town and the whole population gathered about the scene of the shooting, when it was discovered that three men were lying dead on the parlor floor and a woman and a girl had been fatally shot.

During the party, when amusement was at its height, Shaw Griffin, a young man under the influence of liquor, became too offensive in his manner toward the young ladies. Mr. Califf remonstrated with him and advised him to go home. This enraged Griffin and he drew a pistol and began to make threats against his host. Califf, knowing Griffin to be a dangerous man, prepared himself and ordered the offender to leave the room. This precipitated a fight. Seven shots were exchanged. Both principals dropped dead and Clarence Jones, a young man, was also instantly killed.

As soon as the first shot was fired the young ladies began to flee, but before the room was cleared two of them were fatally wounded. Califf fired three shots, all three taking effect—one striking Griffin in the right temple and two in the breast. Griffin fired four times. One shot entered Califf's breast, killing him instantly; another struck Clarence Jones in the head and death ensued an hour later. Mrs. Califf was shot in the abdomen and her 7-year old daughter in the neck. When the fighting commenced the people began to scatter, many of them getting into buggies and driving away.

THE FINANCIAL QUESTION.

Report and Recommendation of the House Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The House Committee on Banking and Currency held an animated session to-day. It had been planned to report to the House at once a bill embodying the President's financial recommendations, and Mr. Brosius, from a sub-committee, made a favorable recommendation on this course of procedure. It was sharply opposed, however, by Messrs. Johnson, of Indiana; Mitchell, of New York, and Newlands, of Nevada.

It was evident the committee could not agree. A compromise was made by which the bill covering the President's recommendations and the bill of Secretary Gage and that of the Indianapolis Monetary Commission shall be taken up at the first meeting after the holidays.

Chairman Walker then brought forward a general programme for dealing with all financial bills, which programme had the approval of the chairman of the sub committees, save Mr. Johnson. Mr. Walker's statement was in part as follows:

First, That I am thoroughly convinced the people do not desire the retirement of the whole body of United States legal tender notes.

Second, That they do not desire that their government shall continue to control and issue all the currency notes used by the people.

Third, That the banks only shall put the notes so furnished into circulation and be responsible for their redemption in specie.

Fourth, That the banks shall be required to keep each and every form of coin paper at par with every other.

Fifth, That the government guarantee the final payment of every dollar issued, and,

Sixth. To justify this guaranty and save the Government from loss, it should collect a tax upon all currency notes supplied by it, sufficient to guarantee the United States Treasury against loss, because of its guarantee of their final redemption.

WARM WIRELETS

Directors of the Southern Railway have declared a dividend of one per cent. on the preferred stock, payable January 20th.

Gen. Sanguilly denies the report that he had offered his services to the Spanish government. In fact, he says, it is an infamous lie.

The Baltimore grand jury ignored the indictment against General Felix Agnus, on the charge of criminally libelling Senator George Wellington, in the *American*.

The Greek Government has requested a month's extension of the term fixed for ratifying the treaty of peace with Turkey. Turkish officials declare that it is unwarranted and unacceptable.

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The Association of American Pilots yesterday elected the following officers: President Captain J. Ed O'Brien, of Pensacola, Fla.; Vice president Captain John Parlee, New York city; Secretary, Captain E. G. Martin. The association expressed its opposition to the Frye bill for the abolishment of compulsory pilotage.

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A word to the wise is sufficient. The best Fruit and Confectioneries, served daintily, can be found at Andrew Mavronichols, 706 North Fourth street, Bell 'Phone 348, Inter-State 191. A large shipment of fine Jamaica Bananas just received dec 10 tf

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A special the Atlantic Tea Co. will sell this week the best Old Government Java for 8c, and the best Laguayra Coffees for 22c per pound. Call and see them at 618 North Fourth street. nov 28 tf

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Executrix Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS EXECUTRIX OF the last will and testament of Eliza A. McDuffie, deceased, this is therefore to notify all persons indebted to my said testatrix to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom she was indebted to present their claims to me before the 5th day of December, 1898, or notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 1st day of December, 1897.

EMILY WILLIAMS, Executrix.

A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. de 4 6w

A CARD.

NOVEMBER 2ND, 1897.

MESSRS MERCER & EVANS, City.

GENTS:—I am more than pleased with the Nice Watch given me by your enterprising firm. I find it to be an excellent time keeper. Besides being well pleased with your nice and valuable present, I am well satisfied with the SHOES I have bought from you for myself and friends, and I cheerfully recommend you to my friends and the public in general, especially to those needing and intending to buy anything in your line.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. J. MERRIDITH.

On Monday, January 31, 1898, we will open the box and count up. The person having brought us the greatest amount of trade in dollars and cents, will have the first choice of the THREE NICE PRESENTS, (a real Leather Dressing Case, 14x18½ inches; a Fine Pair of Opera Glasses, and a Nice Gold-plated Watch), the next highest the next choice, and the third will get "Hobson's Choice."

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We have decided therefore to furnish

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We can make it to your advantage to give us a share of your trade.

Respectfully,

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Frank H. Stedman,

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Christmas Goods.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls, Bric a-Brac, Neckwear, Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves, Parasols and Umbrellas. Call and see our line.

This Week

Gentlemen's heavy Grey Underwear worth $1 50, only 98c each.
Gentlemen's All Wool (light weight) Underwear in Ecru worth $1 25, only 98c each.
Ladies' light weight Vests and Pants, only 98c each.
Ladies' non shrinking Vests and Pants, Grey, only 98c each.
A good Cotton Carpet, yard wide, for 25 cents per yard,
Union Carpeting 35 cents per yard.
A good Brussels Carpet for 55 cents per yard. no 27 tf

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Is your thought on Lace Curtains? We can remedy it for you here. Carpet stock now at its best! It's a busy spot at this writing. Got the parasol stock into shape; pleased to have you make your selections.

Do you buy Dress Linings here? We're equipped to suit you satisfactory linings at satisfactory prices.

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WE'RE PROUD OF OUR KID GLOVE STOCK.

We never lose a customer who once buys Kid Gloves here. We sell more Kid Gloves than all the rest of Wilmington combined. There are, of course, reasons for all this. But we will only mention one of them to-day: Our Ladies' Dollar Kid Gloves. Laces and buttons all warranted.

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Quantities of them. Some going out; some coming in. We're cloak traders here from A to Z. Know where, when, what and how to buy; and best of all, know how to sell to the satisfaction of our customers. No "old-fashioned" profits here; against our business principles. Fresh lots of to notch garments for you to pick from. Your dollars have gr at purchasing power in this store. $2.00 to $25.00.

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Indelible Ink, Stamp Pads and Ink.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

Bell Phone 240. de 19 tf

Xmas Novelties and Toys.

We have an extra large stock this year and have not the room to carry them over, consequently will have to dispose of same before the Holidays are over. A word to the wise is sufficient.

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